

## Iron County Register

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IRONTON, MISSOURI

This blessed winter wears nobody with its prolonged monotony.

A New Jersey man is experimenting raising wingless chickens. A fowl act that.

It is only just that women should receive men's wages, and married women do.

All of the new counterfeit money is in the shape of \$5 and \$10 bills. We should worry.

Aviators are to be put through a rigid test. Flexible and resilient tests would be better.

Another argument in favor of spring is that it will take the baseball players off the stage.

"In God we trust," says the Toledo Blade, "is not on the new nickel." Nor on the old one.

Approximately 175,000,000 persons traveled in the London tubes last year. What proportion sat down?

The Brazilians make beautiful lace from the fiber of the bananas. Rather a delicate food stuff, though.

Pittsburg has started an anti-noise crusade. Lots of college town would do well to follow the example.

A woman remarks: "The best husbands are the most accomplished liars." They've had experience.

A Kansas City parson says that the turkey trot causes divorces. Hitting a fast trot like that always does.

Sweden exported 35,000,000 pounds of matches during the last six months. No other country is a match for that.

A canon of an English church has written a farce that is said to be a corker. Evidently he hit the bulls-eye.

Spain is to have a government school of aviation. Wouldn't it be a good idea to sentence revolutionists to it?

One octogenarian in Boston says the only rule he knows for long life is this: "Keep your temper and don't worry."

Boston papers are making a great stir over the discovery of an unskilled girl. But they have not printed her picture.

Three Princeton students have opened a shop to shine shoes. Shoe shines are preferable to monkey-shines any time.

Three Alaskan legislators have to travel 2,000 miles by dog sled to attend session. They at least, will earn their mileage.

At least there isn't much danger that any man will carry around for days the eleven-pound parcel his wife gives him to mail.

Now comes an expert who says automobile riding gives a person flat feet. But that probably isn't as annoying as flat tires.

One can't help feeling but that the aviator who flew fifty-four miles to deliver twenty-five pounds of beans didn't know his article.

Copenhagen is possessed of a woman glazier. Probably preparing to go to London and turn over the proceeds from replacing broken windows to help the cause.

Paris boasts a woman with a triple personality. Still, the average American woman can change her mind much faster than that.

Exports of American pianos have trebled in the last nine years. Perhaps that's why there is always an old one in the adjoining flat.

Pupils in the Los Angeles cooking schools are required to eat their own pies. Here is an instance where pastry comes home to punish.

Now it remains to be seen if the parcel postman will give heed to the apartment building sign: "All packages must be delivered in the rear."

But twenty-seven lives were lost in Pennsylvania during the 1912 hunting season. Which leads one to wonder whether there were poor shots or few guides.

A New York mother paid her married daughter's rent for ten years in advance. Taking no chances on said daughter coming back to live with her, evidently.

"How to Keep Warm Without Fire," is the caption of an article written by a physician. It is suspected that he is simply boosting business.

Indiana raised 2,000,000 bushels of onions last year. If there is anything in Hetr Green's theory, Indiana should be a mighty healthy state.

A Worcester hypnotist, defendant in a divorce suit, claims that his wife said "look at me," and "biffed" him on the "nut." Trying to knock some sense into him, perhaps.

"What has become of the old fashioned Turk who asked no better fate than to enter paradise by the route of death in battle?" asks the Cleveland Leader. Probably he's over here challenging Frank Gotch for 50 per cent. of the gate receipts.

A New York court has held that calling a person a "scab" is not a breach of the peace. And a few weeks ago another held that terming a citizen an ass was not unlawful. What do these jurists consider really abusive language?

## NO BERTH FOR KIN, IS WILSON'S EDICT

REFUSES TO APPOINT HIS COUSIN PHILIPPINE COMMISSION SECRETARY.

LETS HIS BROTHER LOSE OUT

Baker of South Carolina Beats J. R. Wilson for Clerk of Senate—Senator to Quiz President on His Patronage Policy.

Washington.—It was made clear by President Wilson that none of the Wilson kintfolk need expect consideration at the hands of the new administration.

A. M. Wilson of Portland, Ore., applied for a place on the Philippine commission. Secretary of War Garrison did not know that A. M. Wilson is a cousin of the new president and as the Portland man was highly endorsed the secretary presented the name at the White House.

President Wilson recognized the man at once and informed Mr. Garrison that under no circumstances should he appoint relatives to office. James A. Baker of South Carolina was nominated for secretary of the senate by the senate caucus, defeating Joseph R. Wilson, brother of the president, and five other candidates.

Stone to Seek Light.

Senator Stone of Missouri called at the White House. It is not known upon what particular mission the senior member from Missouri was bent, but it is presumed he wanted to repeat his question of several weeks ago when at Trenton he asked the president-elect just where a United States senator was to stand or get off in the matter of post office appointments. Mr. Wilson at that time is said to have told Senator Stone that post office appointments would be a "secondary consideration" in his administration. When this report was circulated in congressional circles following Stone's return there was consternation among the members of the house and senate, who reasoned it out as meaning that the present Republican incumbents would be permitted to remain indefinitely in charge of the post offices where efficiency was shown.

Taft Post Office Order Worries.

The executive order issued by President Taft last October, classifying into the civil service 30,000 four-class postmasters has not yet been broached to President Wilson. The representatives, as much as they would like to see the order rescinded and have the 30,000 offices back on the pie counter, are unanimous about bringing the matter up to the president. The president's intimates know that no appeal for the withdrawal of the order based solely on patronage cupidly will influence him.

Co-Operative Store Voted.

Kansas City.—With the hope that a co-operative store to sell produce at cost to union labor men will help to solve the problem of the high cost of living for the workers of Kansas City, the Industrial council voted unanimously to found such an establishment.

Gomez Vetoes Amnesty Bill.

Havana, Cuba.—Although not officially announced, there is no question that President Gomez vetoed the general amnesty bill immediately after the receipt of another pre-emptory remonstrance from American Minister Arthur M. Beaupre.

Pioneer Plainsman Dies.

Olathe, Kas.—James Byers, a pioneer plainsman of the West and one of the wealthiest citizens of Leavenworth, Kan., died here, aged 79 years. He was visiting a relative here and was stricken with pneumonia.

Saloonists to Support Laws.

Kansas City, Mo.—Two hundred saloonmen pledged themselves not to obey the liquor laws to the letter, but to urge state, county and city officials to enforce rigidly all the liquor laws.

Explosion Wrecks Town.

Carmel, Ind.—Fire, caused by a premature explosion of nitroglycerine placed by robbers in the post office safe, destroyed the business district of Carmel. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Catches Husband in Trap.

Chicago.—Six weeks of detective work by a wife resulted in the arrest of her husband after she had broken into her own home and had an encounter with an alleged "affinity."

Girls Carried Off By Rebels.

El Paso, Tex.—Zapatistas attacked Teolacapan, a small town in the state of Guerrero. They killed several officials, sacked shops and carried away ten girls, members of prominent families.

200 Persons Drowned.

Constantinople.—Two hundred passengers and the members of the crew of the small British steamer Calvados were drowned March 1, when the vessel foundered in the Sea of Marmora during a blizzard.

Legleiter Gets Out on Bond.

Lawrence, Kan.—Henry W. Legleiter of Denver, one of the 33 men convicted at Indianapolis of conspiring to transport dynamite illegally, was released from the federal penitentiary here on bond of \$30,000.

Rio Janeiro Flooded.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil.—A furious surf in the bay tossed high waves, which demolished the large extension seawall on the Avenida Beltrame. The adjacent streets were flooded and traffic was suspended.

## SUBSTITUTE FOR SLEEP?



CHICAGO EVENING POST.

I haven't had a chance at that man's pockets in six months!

## SONORA SECEDES, REPUBLIC PLANNED

MEN CALLED TO ARMS, CANNON SURROUND CAPITAL AND TRENCHES ARE DUG.

REBELS' CAMPAIGN BEGINS

State Troops Burn Bridges to Prevent Federals From Entering—Huerta Appoints Provisional Governor and Gives Orders.

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico.—Secession from Huerta's provisional national government was made officially here at a special meeting of the Sonora state congress, which also issued a general call to arms for all the people of the state to prevent any intrusion of Huerta soldiers.

"Any attempt to bring government troops into Sonora will be resisted," was the message sent by the state authorities here to the party in power in Mexico City.

Provisional Governor Pequeña has issued an announcement declaring: "I am prepared to defend the state with my life. I was appointed chief executive by the senate when Gov. Maytorena, now a refugee in Arizona, was ousted."

Rebels' Campaign Begins. The campaign against Huerta forces in Sonora was begun when state troops proceeded south from Hermosillo, burning bridges along the Southern Pacific railway to prevent federals from coming north from Guaymas.

The insurgent officials insist on absolute local government, proclaiming secession. The movement of troops out of Hermosillo is believed to indicate that the proposal was rejected by Huerta.

Cannons have been placed around the city and entrenchments are being dug.

Americans here have been informed that Sonora virtually has seceded from Mexico and will establish an independent republic.

Private telegrams from Mexico City say that Huerta has appointed Manuel Macareñas provisional governor of Sonora, with orders to proceed to Hermosillo and subdue the uprising. Messages from Hermosillo say that Gen. Obregon has been appointed commander of the constitutionalists in rebellion against the Mexico City government.

To Attack Border Town. The former Maderistas continue mobilization of troops at Colonia Morelos, below Douglas, Ariz. Rebels camped ten miles to the south declare they will make an attack on Agua Prieta, the Mexican border town opposite Douglas. This was brought here by a courier from the rebel camp, where 500 Maderistas under Gen. Samaniego and Cordova are located. Desertions have depleted the Agua Prieta garrison to 100 men, and Gen. Obregon finds it impossible to get help from the interior.

Omaha to Have \$1,000,000 Hotel. Omaha.—A \$1,000,000 hotel, the lease for which was let to William R. Burban of Syracuse, N. Y., is to be built here. It will be 12 stories high and contain 300 rooms. The financing of the hotel was carried on by Omaha merchants.

Wilson's Parents Honored. Columbia, S. C.—The graves of Woodrow Wilson's parents, in the church yard of the First Presbyterian church here, were decorated the day on which their son took office as president of the United States.

Blast Kills Two; Four Dying. San Bernardino, Cal.—Two men were killed outright and four fatally injured by a delayed shot of dynamite at a railroad construction camp near Beembock, 10 miles north. Ten others were injured.

England to Regulate Aviators. London, Eng.—Under authority conferred by the aerial navigation act, the home secretary has issued orders prohibiting foreign military or naval aircraft from passing over any portion of the United Kingdom or territorial waters.

Jumps From Train: Killed. Clay Center, Kan.—Charles Kruse, en route from Houston, Tex., to Manhattan, Kan., jumped from a train at Broughton, when reached by the train crew Kruse was dead.

Indiana Dries Win Four Victories. Indianapolis, Ind.—Local option elections were held in four Indiana cities—Wabash, Tipton, Portland and Rushville—the "drys" winning in all of the places voting. A spirited fight was carried on at Wabash, which, according to the unofficial vote, went "dry" by 15 votes.

Flies 118 Miles in One Hour. Paris.—The French aviator Guillaux made a flight from Savigny Sur Braye to Paris in one hour. The distance is 118 miles.

## BAR TO OFFICE SEEKERS

NEW PRESIDENT DECLINES TO SEE APPLICANTS.

Puts Disposal of Patronage Up to the Heads of Executive Departments—Shatters Precedents.

Washington, D. C.—All sorts of things happened to time-honored precedents around the White House when its new occupant, in his first day of "presidential," waded into work. Moreover, Secretary Tumulty shattered a few aged customs himself.

Following are a few of the precedents President Wilson smashed for the day:

Issued a statement announcing that he would put disposal of patronage squarely up to the heads of the various executive departments.

Issued a statement in the first person, explaining why William F. McCombs was not named as a cabinet member.

Held a meeting of his new cabinet before it was officially confirmed.

Received a delegation of 100 persons from New York state who didn't have any appointment with him.

Sat in his office with the door to Tumulty's office open, so that when a score of New Jersey politicians had finished talking with the secretary, they wandered into the president's room unannounced and were received warmly.

Allowed a dozen newspaper photographers free run of the outer offices, where they snapped photographs of the president's callers. They also swarmed into Tumulty's office and took photographs of him at work.

There was virtually no "red tape" at the executive offices. The usual White House form for official statements, where the information is conveyed in the third person, was followed in the first statement, but a little later the unprecedented plan of the president making a personal, first-person announcement, was adopted.

The president and Tumulty also announced that they were working out a plan by which the executive would see the newspaper men at regular periods and by which Wilson would permit direct quotations of his views.

Plunger-Banker Thompson Clears the Price of Divorce Action on Sale of Coal Lands.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Josiah V. Thompson, banker and plunger of Uniontown, Pa., put through a business deal that netted him a profit of \$1,000,000. Thompson sold a tract of coal land to the Midland Steel company for \$1,750,000, an average of \$800 an acre. The land lies in Washington and Greene counties.

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Fisher is given 60 days in which to pay the \$25,000, and in the agreement signed he waives the right of appeal.

Rides 600 Miles to Safety. San Antonio, Tex.—Munillo Madero, reported dead half a dozen times, and Raoul Madero, brothers of the late president of Mexico, after a 600-mile horseback ride from Torreon, Mexico, to Marathon, Tex., where they crossed the border, arrived in San Antonio.

To Save the Czars' Face. St. Petersburg.—The new issue of Russian postage stamps has been withdrawn because the czar's portrait was so arranged that they could not be cancelled without marring the imperial countenance.

Perry's Flagship Raised. Erie, Pa.—Commander Perry's old flagship, the Niagara, which for almost a century has rested at the bottom of Misery Bay, an arm of Lake Erie, was raised to the surface in a blinding snowstorm.

Vermont Voting Turns to Wet. Montpelier, Vt.—A marked increase in the license vote was a feature of the elections in the cities and towns of Vermont. Seven towns changed from no license to license, while only two places went from "wet" to "dry."

Run on Montreal Bank. Montreal.—A run caused from some unassignable reason resulted in nearly \$1,000,000 being withdrawn from the outlying branches of the Montreal City and District Savings bank. All demands of depositors were met.

## 40 TO 50 DEAD IN DYNAMITE BLAST

THREE HUNDRED TONS MYSTERIOUSLY EXPLODE IN BALTIMORE HARBOR.

SHOCK FELT OVER 100 MILES

Heads and Limbs Torn From Men Moving Shipment From Barge—One Rescue Ship Destroyed and Another Sinks.

Baltimore, Md., March 3.—Three hundred tons of dynamite being loaded in the British tramp steamer Alum Chine, in the lower harbor off Fort Howard, exploded, instantly killing from 40 to 50 men, wounding and maiming three score more, some of whom may die, and destroyed \$600,000 worth of property.

The Alum Chine and a loading scow alongside her were annihilated; the tug Atlantic, which twice went to the rescue of imperiled seamen, was set on fire and later sank; the United States collier Jason, just completed and ready for trial, was raked to her deck and her armor riddled, and buildings in Baltimore and cities and towns many miles away were rocked by the force of the terrific explosion.

The cause of the disaster is unknown, and federal authorities have instituted an investigation. Excited survivors told conflicting stories, some insisting that a negro stevedore caused the explosion by jamming a spike into a case of dynamite. This is denied by eye-witnesses, who declare smoke was seen pouring from the Alum Chine's hold several minutes before the explosion occurred.

Of the injured, a score are amazingly maimed, their skulls fractured, arms and legs torn off and their bodies terribly lacerated. At least 15 are expected to die.

STEAMER SINKS, 200 DROWN

Calvados, Constantinople to Panderma, Lost in Sea of Marmora—Victims Frozen on Debris.

Constantinople, Turkey.—Two hundred passengers and the members of the crew of the British steamer Calvados were drowned.

The vessel foundered in the Sea of Marmora during a blizzard.

The Calvados, which was of 353 tons, plied between Constantinople and Panderma, some 60 miles south-west of Constantinople, in Asia Minor.

It is believed that there were several English and American tourists aboard. It is believed that not a single passenger or member of the crew escaped.

Those who managed to float for a time on bits of debris were frozen to death in the blizzard.

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FARMERS ORGANIZE CLUBS.

Cape Girardeau County Plans 24 Rural Organizations to Work With Cities.

Cape Girardeau.—Cape Girardeau county, to first to get a farm adviser through the state agricultural college and the first to have its farm adviser a regular county official, again is taking the lead in agricultural advancement.

The work of county organization was begun three weeks ago, when the commercial clubs of the cities of Cape Girardeau and Jackson in joint session decided on the organization of 24 rural clubs, the presidents of the clubs to form a central advisory board to act as a cabinet for the county farm adviser, the county superintendent of schools and the county highway engineer.

The work of organizing the rural clubs is under way, four having been formed.

Business Men to Erect Light Plant.

Springfield.—What is believed to be the final severance of the city's relations with the Springfield Gas and Electric company was contained in the city council's voting unanimously at an adjourned session to submit to the voters at the coming municipal election a proposition to grant a franchise to Springfield business men to erect a \$350,000 electric lighting plant. The plan is to furnish electric light at 6 cents per kilowatt and power at 3 cents, with a rate of \$45 per year on arc lights for streets. It is believed that the proposition will be voted on favorably by the people.

"Missouri King" Sold for \$5,000.

Mexico.—Missouri King, the grand champion saddle stallion of 1911 and 1912, owned by Sheriff W. P. Hawkins of Bowling Green, Mo., was sold to Mexico to J. F. Ball of Los Angeles, Cal., for \$5,000. Ball represents E. R. Maier of Los Angeles, who is prominent in Pacific coast horse circles. Missouri King will be shown this year at the Pacific coast fairs and horse shows. With the exception of Rex McDonald, he is, perhaps, the greatest saddle stallion ever raised in Missouri.

Drug Firm Is Fined \$5,400.

New London.—In the Ralls circuit court Judge Ragland imposed a fine of \$5,400 on the drug firm of J. R. Brown & Sons, doing business at Perry, on pleas of guilty to nine infractions charging 35 separate violations of the liquor laws of the state. Later the defendants were admitted to parole to the extent of \$4,600 upon condition of future good behavior, a removal of all liquors on hand and surrender of the government license.

Missing Circuit Clerk Reinstated.

Poplar Bluff.—William McGuire was reinstated as circuit clerk by Judge Board, the court setting aside its temporary order appointing James D. Gresson. McGuire was missing from December 14 until a few days ago, when he was found in St. Louis. The state did not appear against McGuire and charges were continued until the April term of court.

Missouri Millionaire Dead.

Carthage.—Dr. J. A. Carter, the wealthiest man in Jasper county, died here, aged 80. He owned 3,000 acres of land in this county, much of which was rich in lead and zinc. He had resided here 50 years. He was a veteran of the civil war, having been captain of Company C of the Fortieth Iowa infantry. His estate is valued at several million dollars.

Committee Kills Saloon Limit Bill.

Jefferson City.—The bill limiting saloons to one for every 10,000 inhabitants was killed in the municipal affairs committee of the senate. The bill was attacked by members of the committee on the ground that it might result in a monopoly of saloons in the larger cities.

Cousin of Marshall Dies.

La Grange.—The funeral of Miss Callie Marshall, who died at Duncan, Ok., was held in La Grange. Miss Marshall was a daughter of the late Samuel Marshall, brother of Vice President Marshall, and was born in La Grange 76 years ago. She was the last of a family of nine children.

Lincoln County Girl Writes Waltzes.

Troy.—Miss Birdie Wolf, directress of Troy Conservatory of Music, now holds the distinction of being the first woman composer of music in Lincoln county. She recently had one of her compositions, entitled "Love's Enchantment Waltzes," published.

Federation Entertainment Planned.

Poplar Bluff.—The executive committee of the Commercial club perfected arrangements for entertainment of delegates to the Southeast Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs, which will hold a convention here March 12.

Poplar Bluff Light Plant Sold.

Poplar Bluff.—The light and power plant, owned by the Light and Development company, has been transferred to the Missouri Public Utilities company. The bill of sale specifies \$350,000 as the price paid.

C. M. Clay of Mexico Divorced.

Jefferson City.—Mrs. Frances Cook Clay of Mexico, Mo., obtained a divorce decree in the Cole county circuit court from Cassius M. Clay, a wealthy stockman of Mexico. The court awarded her \$10,000 alimony.

Ex-Judge L. B. Vallet Dies.

Jefferson City.—Judges of the supreme court sent a telegram of condolence to the family of Judge Leroy B. Vallet, who died at Greenville. Judge Vallet's death makes the fourth among active or former members of the supreme court to occur since October 6, 1910.

Dead Man Killed by Train.

Bourbon.—D. D. Hardy, 67 years old, was killed by a fast mail train here. He was deaf and did not hear the approaching train.

## CAT UPSET NEW REPUBLIC

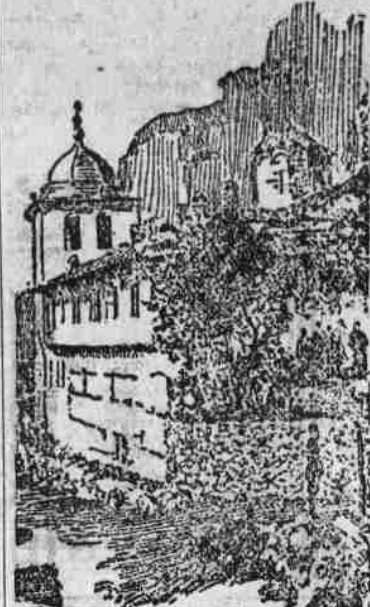
Tabby Scandalized Monks of Mount Athos, Forbidden to All Females, by Becoming Mother of a Family.

Salonica, European Turkey.—Europe's latest and smallest republic has grown out of the Balkan war. It is Mount Athos, the sacred peninsula, near Salonica.

It contains nothing but 21 ancient monasteries founded by Russians, Greeks, Bulgarians and Serbians in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. All overhanging the cliffs of the Aegean sea and the monks go up and down from the shores in baskets worked on pulleys by their brethren.

So sacred is the peninsula that no female is allowed therein, not even a cow or hen. Neither milk, cheese nor eggs can be had.

Some time ago peasants employed by the monks to help till the land



An Ancient Monastery on Mount Athos.